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deputised for you and conducted the proceedings so ably well. The post of the Deputy Chairman fell vacant one year ago. If I remember aright, it fell vacant on 12—12—1952. Article 182 of the Constitution specifically lays down that the election should be held as soon as the office falls vacant and the responsibility is cast on the House to elect the Deputy Chairman as soon as a vacancy occurs. It took one year for us to have this election. I hope at least in such matters, in future, we will have greater regard for the Constitution and the Council Rules.

"I learn that hon. Member Sri Allapichai did not draw any pay previously and I hope he will draw the same from now on. The salary of the Deputy Chairman of this House and of the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is far too low and it should at least be on a par with that of the Parliamentary Secretary and I hope the Government will take necessary steps to enhance the pay of the Deputy Chairman of the Council and the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly accordingly."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—"I have also to congratulate the hon. Member Sri Allapichai on his unanimous re-election and I welcome him as the Deputy Chairman."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am highly grateful to every one of the Members of this House for having shown me such a great affection and I think, it is nothing but affection which has been responsible for my unanimous re-election. I shall do my best to deserve their affection."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I move—

'*That, with reference to rule* 143 (3) *of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Chairman to elect two members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year* 1953–54 *in the vacancies caused by the vacation of seats of Sri S. Ramakrishnayya and Sri S. Chengalraya Chetti, consequent on the formation of the Andhra State.*' "

The motion was put and carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that, in accordance with the regulations framed for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st December 1953 as the time within which nomination of candidates for the election of two members to the Committee of Privileges should reach the Secretary. There will be an election, if the number of candidates nominated exceeds two. The date and time of election would be intimated later on."